



In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations as it will help direct State resources and enable access to federal programs.

The EDC encourages any business affected by COVID-19 to complete the survey. The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>.

Results from this survey will be shared with state agencies and local partners. Surveys submitted by small businesses can be used to access the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan, made available through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

For inquiries or assistance with the survey, businesses can contact Emergency Support Function 18 at ESF18@em.myflorida.com.

See the full press release from the office of Governor Ron DeSantis below:

Governor DeSantis Activates Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin.

"Gathering information about the impact COVID-19 has on Florida businesses and industries will be invaluable to the state's efforts in coordinating our response," said Governor DeSantis. "It is important that we understand the total impact COVID-19 has on businesses to ensure that we access the resources that may be available."

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"Under Governor DeSantis' direction, the state of Florida has maintained contact with our business partners throughout the state in order to develop a proactive response for COVID-19 business impacts," said Florida DEO Executive Director Ken Lawson. "We need feedback from all Florida businesses to provide comprehensive information about the impacts of COVID-19 to our partners at the federal level."

Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19 and directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level II, to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19. Last week, the governor issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 in Florida, please visit the Florida Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the state's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.